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June 3, 2016 - EPA published a final rule titled "'Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources; Final Rule,'" at 81 FR 35824. The 2016 NSPS 0000a establishes new source performance standards (NSPS) for greenhouse gas emissions and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from the oil and natural gas sector.

April 4, 2017 - EPA announced that it would review the 2016 NSPS 0000a and, if appropriate, initiate reconsideration proceedings to suspend, revise, or rescind the rule, in accordance with the President's Executive Order, dated March 28, 2017, focused on national energy independence, economic growth, and the rule of law.

April 2017 - EPA announced it would reconsider:

the requirements for fugitive emissions regarding:

low production well-sites; and

the process and criteria for requesting and receiving approval for the use of an alternative means of emissions limitation for purposes of compliance with the fugitive emissions requirements

the requirements for certification of closed vent system (CVS) by a professional engineer (PE), and

the requirements for well-site pneumatic pumps

June 16, 2017 - EPA proposed to stay the fugitive emissions requirements, the well-site pneumatic pump standards, and the requirement for certification of CVS by a PE for two years (after the date of publication of the final stay rule in the Federal Register). The EPA held a public hearing on the stays and received more than 440,000 public comments that the Agency will respond to in the final stay rule. The related stay is SAN 5719.9 and 5719.10. The stay has not been finalized.

November 8, 2017 - Two Notices of Data Availability (NODAs) related to the Agency's proposed stays of certain requirements in the 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the oil and natural gas industry are published in the Federal Register, with a 30-day comment period. The information provided in the NODAs falls into two categories: challenges to implementing the requirements in the 2016 rule that would be covered by proposed stays; and the Agency's legal authority to issue a stay. EPA also provided an updated analysis of cost savings, forgone benefits and net benefits of the proposed two-year stay.

November 14, 2017 - Administrator Pruitt received a letter signed by nine environmental groups asking for a 30-day extension to the comment period for the NODAs. This was not granted. The letter also requests that "all annual compliance reports submitted by operators of oil and natural gas facilities" be made public. OECA is responding to three FOIA's requesting the same compliance reports.

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